



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re The Application of: )  
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For: DYNAMIC CONFIGURATION )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment in connection with a Request for Continued Examination. The Applicant has amended the claims and added new claims to better claim the invention.